

**Edmond About.**

Of About's purely literary works is enough to say that they are always

charmingly written, and are sometimes such as hardly any living man could have produced. His various novels and critical essays dealing with Parisian life or art show a power of lively keen criticism which every reader recognizes. It is a fault, no doubt, in the works that he writes with seldom entirely free from the touch of vulgarity which distinguishes, for instance, "Le Nez d'un autre" . About, however subtle and smart as a critic, failed always in getting hold of his subject as a whole. The work of his life has consisted in giving a series of brilliant and often just *aperçus* on the questions of his day and of also affording much wholesome amusement to many thousands of readers. He was not a great novelist. He never understood the human heart as Thackeray or Balzac did. He never knew, went down to the depths of the nature of human nature. But few writers of our time have been more exhilarating and suggestive.

**Killed by Rat-Poison.**  
[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, VA., February 23.—Miss Mary Branch, a maiden lady in this city, received some time ago a lot of meal from a friend, in which rat-poison had been mixed by some mistake. She used the meal on Saturday in making bread and ate of it, from the effects of which she died yesterday in great agony.

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